

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the consideration of the present application afforded by the Examiner. Claims 1-6 were pending prior to the Office Action. Therefore, claims 1-6 are pending. Claim 1 is independent. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-6 are indicated to define allowable subject matter. Through this reply, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. More specifically, Applicants have amended the claims, abstract, and specification as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

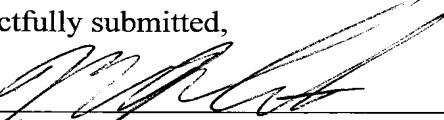
All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John R. Sanders, Reg. No. 60,166 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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